

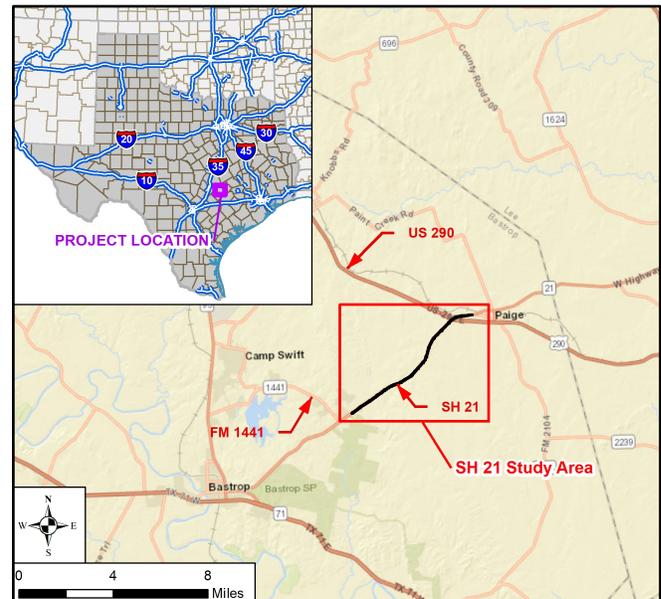
WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

SH 21 (CR 130 to Paint Creek Road) in eastern Bastrop County, Texas functions as both a local thoroughfare and commuter highway. Along the project limits, the existing highway is classified as an undivided modified highway with alternate passing lanes and includes areas where the roadway reduces to two lanes southbound and one lane northbound. Bastrop County's rapid growth has increased the need for accommodating projected traffic volumes, improving safety and reducing congestion.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The proposed project would eliminate undivided portions of the roadway by expanding the right-of-way width to approximately 230 feet, but varying through the project to accommodate the construction of a variable median that would separate the northbound and southbound travel lanes. The travel lanes would typically be 12-foot-wide, with 4-foot-wide inside shoulders and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. Also, new twin bridges would be constructed over US 290 along a new alignment. There would be various crossovers with side road intersections to allow left turn lanes.

The proposed project would require the need for new right-of-way; however, no displacements are anticipated.



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE*



**Timeline contingent on environmental decision, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocations and availability of funding.*

For more information, visit the TxDOT website at www.txdot.gov and enter search keywords "SH 21 from CR 130 to Paint Creek Road".

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